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Dear Dr. Seamans:

I know Joe has shared with you our excitement at moving back into documentary production -- and our good fortune to become involved with Hartleben/Stoll Productions. The enclosed press release will fill in any of the details that Joe may have omitted.

We're especially pleased that our next project deals with a subject that you may be interested in -- the return of the Enewetakese people to their native atoll. AFTER THE SEA CAUGHT FIRE is not intended to be an investigative documentary. We think the most interesting story here is the story of the Enewetakans themselves, and of their close ties to their environment. Of course, the atoll itself and its regeneration after ten years as a nuclear proving ground will be explored extensively. The enclosed treatment describes our plan for the film.

Dale Hartleben will produce AFTER THE SEA CAUGHT FIRE. It's his first documentary project since THE MAN WHO SKIED DOWN EVEREST. That film won last year's Academy Award for Best Feature-length Documentary.

I would like very much to spend a few minutes discussing this project with you. Your personal thoughts would provide a unique perspective on the matters with which the film will deal -- and one that I'm sure will prove valuable to us. I'll call your office to learn whether this will be convenient. In the meantime, please accept my belated best wishes for the New Year.

With fond memories of a just-less-than-seasick, just-more-than-foggy afternoon off the coast of Marblehead, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Larry
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